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North Carolina is said to consume annually 50,000 more bales of cotton than she produces.

China's troubles are growing. Japan "regretfully intimates" to the Emperor's Council of State that it is impossible for her to grant an extension of time in which China is to pay the war indemnity.

Lord Salisbury dispelled the Chinese war cloud Tuesday night, when he said he had Russia's written assurance that whatever rights of commerce she may obtain in Chinese ports will be shared with England.

It is to be hoped that none of the good Democrats of Savannah, who voted for Mr. McKinley a year ago, are among the men who are saying things about him now, says the Charleston News and Courier.

According to the New York Sun there are 6,465 more men now on the pension rolls than there were actual survivors of the Union army, and 187,500 more, claiming to be survivors, who are applying for pensions.

A North Carolina gentleman who has been to the National capital, writes: "A visitor in Washington is made to understand the full definition of the three h. h. h.—home, happiness and heaven." Because he is so far from all three?

Miss Mercedes Neville, secretary of the Ladies' Grand Council of the Primrose League, has now given fifteen years of her life to political work. She boasts that she has spoken at over 2,000 public meetings.

The Washington Post thinks Quay is in hot water, as there is a political revolution against machine methods and political bosses pending in Pennsylvania which may sweep that astute gentleman into the shades of private life.

It is maintained that the statue of "Liberty" on the dome of the Capitol at Washington, which it is proposed to gild, looks more like an Indian than anything else. Why not, therefore, paint it red? asks the Richmond Dispatch.

An attempt is being made in New Jersey to secure the enactment of a law imposing a tax of two dollars a year on all men guilty of bachelorhood; but as the bachelors happen to be in the majority in the New Jersey assembly there is small chance for the adoption of the measure.

Canada has a homestead law. Farm lots of 200 acres are granted to each head of a family and 100 to each male adult, on condition of their building a log house 16x20 feet, cultivating 15 acres in every 100 and residing six months in each year during five years on the property.

Captain Dreyfus' wife complains that she receives only copies of the letters written to her by her husband, the French authorities retaining the original. This is justified by those in charge of the prisoner on the ground that the letters, while innocent enough, seemingly, contain a cipher that is perfectly understood by Mme. Dreyfus.

General Blanco's promise that the war in Cuba would be ended this month, is now seen, even in Spain, to have been rash and ill-founded. According to an exchange there is great disappointment both in Spain and Cuba over the fruitless character of the general's trip around the island; and it is said a scape goat is wanted, and that General Pando will be the goat.

STRANGE, IS IT NOT?

The Legislature of New Jersey has been called upon to consider a bill introduced in the lower house of that State, providing for the imposition of a tax of \$2 a year on all the bachelors of New Jersey, and, strange to say, the author's name is Weller. It is not known whether or not the gentlemen is a descendant of the noted Mr. Weller who admonished his son Samuel to "beware of the vidders," but it is known that the Speaker of the House became greatly mixed when the bill was presented, and that he promptly referred it to the committee on lunacy. It is not known when the lunacy committee will permit the bill to come up for action, if ever, but when it does death awaits it at the start. The bachelors are said to be in a majority in the Jersey Legislature, and this being the case, the bill stands no chance whatever of becoming a law. In the meanwhile the present Mr. Weller seems to have as little regard for the bachelors as the first Mr. Weller had for "the vidders."

WHAT IS AN OYSTER?

According to a professor in the biological department of Johns Hopkins University, the oyster, zoologically speaking, is not a fish. Perhaps it is a crab; perhaps it isn't. This professor says: "The question is a very simple one. I don't know what an oyster is legally or religiously, but zoologically he certainly isn't a fish." So much for science.

Right along with this opinion here comes one from the City Attorney of Baltimore, who, after giving much care and thought to the subject, makes this declaration:

"Oysters, I should unhesitatingly say, are fish. Whether they are or not is not an open question, since Wharton vs. Wise, 153 U. S. 170. In that case Wharton, a Marylander, was arrested for taking oysters on the Virginia side of the Potomac sound. The compact of 1875, under which Wharton was arrested, in terms only referred to fishing in the Potomac river and Potomac sound. The Supreme Court says: 'It is conceded that the right of fishing when not qualified, extends to the taking of both floating fish and shell fish. And in another part of the court's opinion, in speaking of the powers of Virginia in Potomac sound, says that State has power to pass all necessary laws for the protection of fish therein, whether floating or shell.' The court in this opinion clearly puts oysters in the genus fish, designating the two species as floating fish and shell fish."

To back up this opinion high ecclesiastical authority says that "fish, oysters and crabs have always been regarded as belonging to the same genus, and, therefore, permissible as food on fast days and in Lent. In some sections the law is stretched, notably at New Orleans, where a certain kind of water fowl is permitted to be eaten on fast days, because it has a fishy taste."

It will be observed that both the church and the law regard oysters as fish, while the scientist is positive to the contrary. However, the preponderance of evidence is in favor of the oyster being known as fish—shell fish—and we'll have to let it go at that.

A SPLENDID RECORD OF INDUSTRY

The following, from the Boston Commercial Bulletin, will be read with interest by every one who is at all interested in the upbuilding of the Southern country:

"The New York Mills company, one of the oldest and best-known cotton cloth manufacturers of Utica, N. Y., has decided to meet the Southern competition by establishing an immense mill in Georgia. The entire plans have not been made public, but a definite announcement has been made that a mill will be started in that State by a company capitalized at \$1,000,000 or \$1,500,000, but the exact location is withheld. This company, with three others, employ in their series of mills in and about Utica more than 5,000 hands, and this industry forms the leading business in that city; practically the same men that form the Utica company are backing the Georgia project, but it will be run as a separate business concern."

In the same issue of that journal it is stated that the Alps mills, of Charlotte, N. C., are putting in a quantity of new machinery this week; that the first carpet mill south of Baltimore is to be established at Gaffney, Ga.; that at the annual meeting of the South-land mills the usual semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent, was declared; improvements and new machinery were ordered and the stockholders were told that the mill had sold all its product as far ahead as next August; that a cotton yarn mill, with 15,000 spindles, is to be built near Rossville, Ga.; that the Excelsior Knitting mills, of Union, S. C., is to increase its stock from \$10,000 to \$20,000; that the citizens of Waco, Tex., are organizing to build a cotton mill with a capital of \$100,000; that the citizens of Waxahatchie, Tex., are forming a stock company for the same purpose, and so are the people of Windsor, Ga.; that the People's Cotton factory, at Montgomery, Ala., has been finished and operations begun, and that the mills of the Warren Manufacturing company, at Warrenville, S. C., are nearly ready to start with 30,000 spindles and 630 looms.

Certainly this is a splendid record of industry and one in which the entire South takes an interest.

WHY CHANGE THE CUSTOM?

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wine over the bows of our new ships when they are launched, and especially is it against the use of water on such occasions. It says that, "yielding to the solicitations of certain super-sensitive total abstinence people, Miss Bradley has agreed to dispense with wine or other liquors and christen the Kentucky with a bottle of cold water. Referring to this decision, an officer of the United States Navy gives it as his opinion that the course proposed will have a decidedly disastrous effect on the future of the vessel, growing out of the superstition of sailors. He argues that the new departure will cause all tars to look upon the craft as unlucky, and that they will not serve on her with the heart and willingness that they would under other circumstances."

No doubt Miss Bradley had not thought of this when she decided to christen the ship with water, or perhaps she did not know of the existence of such superstition, but now that it has been brought to her attention, it is believed by those who know the young lady that she will change her decision. But asks the Advertiser: "After all, what good can be, or can be expected to be, accomplished by the proposed changes? What earthly good can come to the vessel, to the country or to the cause of temperance by using water instead of wine, it is hard to understand. Is not the christening itself a heathen rite, and a renaissance of the old Norsemen or Vikings? If so, there is nothing of a sacred character in the act, and whether it is done with wine, water or beer, we are unable to see how or why there can be anything wrong or immoral about it. Whether the superstitious notions of the sailors will have any effect or not, it is hard to understand why any one should see evil in the ceremony of breaking a bottle of wine over the prow of a warship."

A contemporary said a few days ago that if the ship Kentucky was christened with water the State of Kentucky would have to move out of the Union. We fear that our friends are making too much of the matter. What matters it whether water or wine is used, we should like to know?

NOTES AND OPINIONS.

The Swiss universities have about 600 female students this winter; 314 of them are at Geneva.

Much value is attached to gold nuggets by the miners in the Klondike. Gold nuggets may be exchanged for bread and potatoes.—Chicago Record.

We are informed that Vivekananda is trying to emulate Bhagavan Sri Paramahansa Rama-Krishna Deva. We don't know who Vivekananda is, but he has a big job on his hands.—Chicago News.

Russia notifies the Hon. Abdul Hamid that his note for \$100,000,000 is due. And from Constantinople comes back

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Pattern No. 9100.

nut-brown broadcloth is the material pictured, and braid and fancy trim. The skirt is one of the new flare shapes and seven gores are comprised in it; the back displays the fashionable fan flare and the decoration is in marked good taste. The jacket is to be worn over waist and shirt-waists; it has a fanciful collar and is well fitted and becomingly

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\$1.19 For Children's Chinchilla Reefers—Sizes 2 to 6—Braid, Buttons, pearl buttons, handsome Reefers jackets for the little tots, only One Ninety-eight.

\$1.87 For Children's Chinchilla Reefers—Heavy nap—extra quality—superior bargain values for choice Reefers.

\$1.98 For Children's Reefers—black and blue Astrakhan—extremely dandy and stylish—A miraculous bargain creation. There's no time to lose, certainly no money, if interested in Children's Reefers at a big discount.

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